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For: **INJECTION STRETCH BLOW MOLDING DEVICE WITH TRANSFER STATION AND
PITCH CHANGING FOR BLOW MOLDING**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Respectfully submitted,

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